

**City of Auburn
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Berola with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance of all present.

Clerk Sponsler took roll. Present were Mayor Berola, Clerk Sponsler, Treasurer Williams, Alderman Karhliker, Alderman Garrett, Alderman Royer, Alderman Marquis, Alderman Sheppard, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Crissey, Alderman Hemmerle.

Also present were Superintendent Henson, Office Manager Rathgeber, Chief Campbell and Attorney Andrew Jarmer.

Mayor's Comments: None

Visitor's Comments: None

City Clerk's Report:

Clerk Sponsler presented the August 7, 2023 meeting minutes for review and approval. Alderman Marquis made a motion to approve the August 7, 2023 minutes, second by Alderman Sheppard.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams presented the Bills List from August 8, 2023 through August 18, 2023. Alderman Royer made a motion to approve the bills list, second was made by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Karhliker, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: Garrett

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Treasurer Williams presented the interest rates at local banks. Illinois National Bank and United Community Bank were at 5.01% for 9 months.

Treasurer Williams also presented the video gaming report. July 2023 was at \$14,751.30 which is \$1999.21 more than July 2022. The total income for the first quarter is \$40,233.61.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jarmer presented the first reading of Ordinance 1532-23, An Ordinance Making Appropriations of Sums of Money Necessary to Defray All Necessary Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Auburn for its Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024.

There was a public hearing held prior to this meeting and there was no public input.

Attorney Jarmer presented the first reading of Ordinance 1533-23, An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to a Pre-Annexation Agreement between Springfield Plastics, Inc. and the City of Auburn. An 90-day extension is needed for this ordinance, so a motion for emergency passage is needed. A motion was made by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderman Johnson.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle
NAYES: None
PRESENT: None
ABSENT: None

A motion to pass Ordinance 1533-23 was made by Alderman Johnson, with a second by Alderman Garrett.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle
NAYES: None
PRESENT: None
ABSENT: None

Attorney Jarmer presented the first reading of Ordinance 1534-23, An Ordinance to Amend the City's Personnel Code by Amending Section 19 ¼ -47, "Residency" to eliminate the thirty (30) minute residency requirement for Police Department Employees and Authorizing Execution of a Related Memorandum of Understanding.

Attorney Jarmer presented the first reading of Ordinance 1535-23, An Ordinance Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement between the City and Leahy Properties, LLC.

Department Heads

Chief Campbell:

Superintendent Henson:

Superintendent Henson received a bid from Vandevanter Engineering for a Phase Monitor for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$15,355.82. ARP will be used. A motion was made by Alderman Royer, second by Alderman Johnson.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle
NAYES: None
PRESENT: None
ABSENT: None

Superintendent Henson informed the council that road oiling would start on Thursday. He also informed the council that the bank building will come down on October 1st.

Office Manager Rathgeber:

Office Manager Rathgeber presented quotes for a large format printer. Tom Day gave a quote for a Ricoh in the amount of \$9750 and CDS gave a quote for an HP in the amount of \$8387.88. Discussion was had about the usage of the printer. Superintendent Henson said it was mostly about the scanning abilities to digitize the rolled paper maps and to be able to print our own maps or large documents when needed. Alderman Royer suggested we get more information to make the quotes more equal. Alderman Johnson suggested TJ call Capitol Blueprint to see what the cost would be to scan 2000 large documents. This would give us a good idea if the large format printer is worth the cost.

Committee Reports

Administration-Johnson: Alderman Johnson recapped the Admin Committee meeting on August 15, 2023. There were a few revisions that needed to be completed by Office Manager Rathgeber. The final draft budget is in Teams for review and approval at the next meeting.

Public Works-Karhliker: Alderman Karhliker wants Superintendent Henson to check on the Divernon Road corner before being chipped.

Public Utilities-Johnson: Alderman Johnson recapped the Public Utilities committee meeting on August 15, 2023. A water rate increase was discussed. We were in a deficit last year- \$75,000, with minimal surplus in the past. We would need a \$0.63 per 1000 gallons increase to break even. The suggested water rate was \$10.05, an increase of \$1.19 per 1000 gallons, which equates to about \$5 increase on average. A motion was made to approve the water rate increase of \$1.19/1000 gallons by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Alderman Johnson informed the council that the IEPA says our plant is not regulating phosphate levels properly. We will need to make modifications to our existing sewer plant and will require additional funds, probably in the 5-10 millions.

Health & Safety-Marquis: No Report

Health & Housing- Royer:

916 W. North Street- they have mowed and trimmed the trees, so a nuisance declaration is no longer needed for this address.

1002 W. Monroe- Alderman Royer would like a motion to declare this property a nuisance and start assessing fines based on the schedule effective immediately. A motion was made by Alderman Royer, second by Alderman Sheppard.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

1215 Pueblo- Alderman Royer would like to declare this property a nuisance for debris and running a business out of a residential property.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Alderman Royer would like to hold a brief executive session with no action to receive an update on pending litigation.

Parks-Hemmerle: No Report

Economic Development-Garrett: Alderman Garrett needed the emergency passage of the 90-day extension with Springfield Plastics.

Building Committee-Garrett: Alderman Garrett presented the RFQ to the council. The dates for public notification for the RFQ would be September 1- October 16 with interviews the week of October 27, and

a selection would take place on November 6, 2023. A motion was made by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderman Royer.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Other Business:

Adjournment

Alderman Garrett made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm, second by Alderman Royer. A voice vote was taken.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Royer, Marquis, Sheppard, Johnson, Crissey, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None